

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING
R.E.A.D.E.R.L.E.A.D.E.R.S.
COUPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE
OF

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of students from Cople Elementary School in Westmoreland County, Virginia. The "R.E.A.D.E.R.L.E.A.D.E.R.S." took part in the Community Problem Solving contest of the Future Problem Solving Program International competition, which involves students using problem-solving skills to tackle an important issue in their community. The team from Cople chose to promote youth reading, a goal highlighted in their name, which stands for, "Reading Each And every Day and Educating others to Read and become Lifelong readers so Every Cople student is Able to Dream, imagine, love, and Experience how Reading can be Super fun." Among other endeavors, the members of the R.E.A.D.E.R.L.E.A.D.E.R.S. sponsored book fairs, read to fellow students, promoted book giveaways, and even composed a resolution urging that March be named "Young Reader's Month" by the Westmoreland County School Board.

The group's hard work paid off, with their efforts culminating in First Place awards in the Junior Division at both the state and national levels. The students represented America's First District with the highest degree of dedication and perseverance, exhibiting skills of reasoning and team work that will certainly serve them well in the future. At the same time, I am impressed with the devotion these students have shown for serving their community. I am proud of the R.E.A.D.E.R.L.E.A.D.E.R.S. of Cople Elementary School, and I commend them on their impressive achievements.

SPEAKER WILLIAM O'BRIEN CELEBRATES HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on July 20, 2011 Speaker William O'Brien will celebrate his 60th birthday with family and friends. Speaker O'Brien is a principled and selfless public servant having served our nation, state, and local communities in various capacities for many years.

Known as a principled, honest, and forthright man, Speaker William O'Brien's public service includes serving as a past member of the Mont Vernon School Board, past member

of the Mont Vernon Police Advisory Commission, three terms as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and Speaker of the New Hampshire House in 2011.

Known as a fiscal conservative, under Speaker William O'Brien's leadership, the New Hampshire legislature passed a fiscally responsible budget reducing spending by over \$1.2 billion, enacted 43 laws to reduce burdensome regulations on employers allowing more flexibility and opportunity to grow and create jobs, and passing a state budget that restores fiscal discipline while including no new or increased taxes and fees.

Speaker O'Brien is a long-standing advocate and leader of conservative values and principles. He has served in numerous conservative leadership capacities including Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party Platform Committee, Vice-Chair of the Granite State Taxpayers, and Co-Chair of the House Republican Alliance.

However, Speaker O'Brien's greatest joy and accomplishment is as a loving husband of thirty-seven years, father of three children, and three grandchildren. This is a great day for Speaker O'Brien, his wife Roxanne, and his family and friends. I wish him the very best on his 60th birthday. This is truly a very joyous occasion.

IN MEMORY OF PETE MOLLIKA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Pete Mollica, a fixture of Niles and the Mahoning Valley, who passed away on July 14th. Pete fought a long, hard battle with cancer, and the loss of his voice in our community is a void that will be impossible to fill.

A graduate of Niles McKinley High School, Pete was himself an athlete, competing on the football and baseball fields. Sports was in his blood, whether it be as a player, coach or official. Fortunately for the people of Northeast Ohio, he made his love of competition a career as a sports writer.

He leaves behind his high school sweetheart, Bonnie, two children, and six grandchildren. They will continue his legacy of kindness, generosity and optimism, but no one can ever fully replace what he brought to our community.

As a Valley athlete, I grew up reading Pete's writing. He covered it all with heart—high school, college, football, golf, softball, you name it. His uplifting stories of competition and athleticism helped inspire local children and adults alike.

Being named in one of Pete's columns was a badge of honor; you could be certain

friends, family, and the community would take notice. And therein was Pete's true gift, his understanding of how sports bring communities together. Through his craft, for just a moment, we could forget about our differences and embrace our shared excitement and appreciation of sports.

RECOGNIZING THE EDWARDS FAMILY AS THE 2011 SANTA ROSA COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to recognize the Edwards family for being selected as the 2011 Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Alan Edwards is a fifth generation farmer whose love for farming came at an early age. At fourteen, he bought his first cotton picker. Since then, he has never lost sight of the value of hard work and good soil and continues to instill those values in his family today. He and his wife Michele, along with their three daughters, Shelby, Madison, and Brianna, sow and harvest 750 acres of cotton, peanuts, soybeans, hay and wheat, and raise beef cattle.

The Edwards family, like all farm families, knows too well that taking care of a farm while raising a family is a full-time job. However, Alan and Michele remain very involved with their community. Michele works for the Century Correctional Institution, and Alan serves on numerous agricultural organizations, including the Santa Rosa County Farm Bureau, Florida Farm Bureau Peanut/Cotton Advisory Board, the Santa Rosa County Extension Advisory Committee, the West Florida Research and Education Center Advisory Committee, and the Florida Peanut Producers Association. This past year he was appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to represent Florida on the USDA Cotton Board, the oversight and administrative arm of the Cotton Research & Promotion Program. He was also selected as one of two Florida growers to participate in the Peanut Leadership Academy. Among other community activities, Alan has served area schools through his involvement with the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award is a reflection of the Edwards family's tireless work and dedication to family, faith and trade. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Edwards family for this great accomplishment. My wife Vicki and I wish them best wishes for continued success.

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CUT, CAP AND BALANCE ACT OF
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that our debt crisis is a result of Washington spending money it does not have and leaving the American people—both of today and future generations—with the devastating tab.

Spending money Washington does not have is the problem, so controlling Washington's spending must be part of the solution. The Cut, Cap and Balance Act delivers immediate spending cuts, puts in place reasonable spending limits going forward, and requires Washington to live within its means from here on out.

Since 2009, the national debt has increased by \$3.7 trillion alone and today the national debt stands at nearly \$14.3 trillion. That's \$46,000 per American citizen.

Needless to say, we cannot continue down the same path and expect a different result.

The measures put in place through the Cut, Cap and Balance Act are important steps to getting America on a fiscally responsible path. It is the least we can do.

I am proud to support such a common sense solution and help get our country back on the right track. I urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II
VETERANS OF ILLINOIS**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, DC, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Eugene L. Andrews, Raymond Appler, Gus Banakis, Preston Beard, Wallace E. Beaver, Frank J. Bernd, Frederick J. Boland, Edward Brown, Alfred Burton, Konstantine Costa, Donald DeBraal, Theodore DeJong, Edwin H. Enyart Sr., Arthur J. Fiddelke, Bernard Fine,

David J. Floyd, James E. Folliard, Virginia L. Gary, Stanley G. Golaszewski, Byron G. S. Gronlund, Elmer Hajek, Lester Hansen, Wesley Earl Hardin Jr., Leonard P. Hasse, Roy E. Hilgendorf, Charles Hirsh, Robert Iftner, Anna Incinelli, William Isaacson, John Isenberg, Joseph G. Kacey, Vernon G. Kanz, Chris Karabatsos, Adam Joseph Keke, James F. Kerr Jr., Edward Kerschbaum, Lauri V. Koski, Ernest Krause, Chester Kwilosz, Daniel H. LaBella, Jerome L. Landsman, Rodney Latimer, Raymond J. Lesniowski, Jerry C. Levin, Paul T. Lorenzo, Donald E. Maas, John J. Maisch, Allen Mann, Earl McGarry, F. Edward Meksto, William Mihalo, Stephen Mileusnich, Jerrald Miller, Roy J. Mocerri, James Morgan, Tony D. Morgese, William J. Murtha Sr., Thomas John Nagel, Carmen C. Nespeca, George Novak, Cornelius J. O'Connor, Dwain Eldon Parker, Stanley Piorkowski, Peter G. Polmen, Stanley Porch, Harry Clayton Price, Lloyd Quamme, Samuel S. Radford, Curtis D. Ramlet, Ora J. Royal, Thomas B. Ryan, Lester Schuenemann, Roland C. Schwarz, Mary S. Senn, Milton H. Shatswell, Burton J. Shulhafer, Bernard Joseph Siegel, David Simpson, George P. Slivinski, John F. Smith, Demetri Michael Spiro, Donald Springer, Leonard J. Sytsma, Daniel J. Trahey, Robert J. Trauscht, Marven Treiber, Robert Turner, Henry Van Westrop, Harold Verdak, William A. Vicich, John B. Wallar, Barry R. Wallis, Mathew A. Wardynski, Bernard J. Wavra, Theodore B. Winters, Chester B. Wojcik.

AMERICA'S SON . . . IN HONOR OF
ROBERT DOLE, ON HIS BIRTHDAY**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit this poem in honor of one of America's greatest son's, Senator Robert Dole of Russell, Kansas, "America's Son" penned by Albert Caswell . . . in honor of his birthday on July 22nd when he turns 88.

AMERICA'S SON . . .

America's Son . . .
One of her most blessed, of all one's!
A man of such charm and grace . . .
A true reflection of our Lord's heart and
courage's face!
All in what he so faced!
From out of the Midwest . . .
One of Russell Kansas, and America's very
best!
Who has, but our nation so blessed!
Who all in times of war, helped Save The
World . . . let's hear the yeas!
The True Measure, of a what great man so is!
A 10th Mountain Man . . .
Who in his way, would not let any mountain
so stand!
All In His Profiles of Courage, who came
armed with but only his faith!
A Man of God, a future Angel one day!
Who has touched so many hearts, all alone
his way . . .
Who with his sense of humor, helped wipe all
of those tears away!
Whose kindness and great heart, to Heaven
has so shown us all the way!
Who married up with Elizabeth, I must say!
The Soldier's Friend! Time and time again!
Who put the A in Army my friend!
Whether, over at Walter Reed . . . helping
recoveries to so speed!

As a shining example to of all of those heroes
in need!

Showing all of those harmed by war, that up
ahead but lies so much more!

Or on The Mall, those Freedom Flights . . .
with his Brothers In Arms so bright!

Bob Dole . . . Bob Dole . . . a man with a
heart of gold!

What happens, when Leader's Lead!
America's Heart And Soul!

Yea Bob, you make me so proud to be . . . an
American!

God Bless America, for in your life Bob you
make freedom sing!

America's Son!

How one man can touch so many lives, is a
reflection of our Lord's heart!

Bless you Bob and your family, as you
have blessed our Nation.

—Albert Caswell

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH
INVASION OF CYPRUS**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, July 20th marks the 37th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. In 1974 over 200,000 Greek Cypriots were driven from their homes, becoming refugees in their own country. The legacy of this occupation still weighs heavily on the northern third of the island, which remains occupied by Turkish troops.

There is consensus in the international community that any solution to the Cyprus problem should include a bizonal, bicomunal federation with political equality, a single sovereignty, and single citizenship. I believe the United Nations led negotiations that are currently underway are the best means to achieve a fair and permanent settlement which will reunify the island. We are at a critical juncture in the pursuit of peace and prosperity for all Cypriots, and I urge all parties to move toward a peaceful resolution and reunification effort that will build a more united and prosperous Cyprus.

I commend President Demetris Christofias for following through with his promise to make the solution of the Cyprus problem his top and principal concern. Since 2008 he has participated in United Nations led negotiations with Turkish Cypriot leaders Mehmet Ali Talat and Dervis Eroglu. I am confident that these negotiations will result in a solution that will safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots.

Cyprus is a strategically important ally of the United States, and Cyprus has proven itself to be a reliable partner in efforts to counter terrorism. I look forward to a reunified and prosperous Cyprus where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots can live together in peace, security and stability.

THE THIRTY-SEVEN YEAR
OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address ongoing human rights